

AMERICAN SEAMEN.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

TRANSMITTING

*An abstract of returns of registered American Seamen.*

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DECEMBER 7, 1858.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, December 7, 1858.*

SIR: In compliance with the act of Congress of March 2, 1799, I have the honor to communicate an abstract of the returns made to this department by collectors of the customs, pursuant to the act of May 28, 1796, for the relief and protection of American seamen, showing the number of seamen registered in the several ports of entry of the United States during the year ending September 30, 1858.

I have the honor to transmit also, herewith, a statement exhibiting the number of seamen registered in the United States during each of the last nineteen years, namely, from September 30, 1839, to September 30, 1858; and to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

HON. JAMES L. ORR,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Abstract of returns of American seamen registered in the several ports of entry of the United States during the year ending September 30, 1858.*

Quarterly returns in each district.	Citizens.	
	Native.	Naturalized.
<b>MAINE.</b>		
PORTLAND AND FALMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1857, Moses Macdonald, collector.....	169	4
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	182	1
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	115	5
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	102	4
Total.....	568	14
PASSAMAQUODDY.		
4th quarter, 1857, Robert Burns, collector.....	35	2
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	13	—
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	55	—
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	40	3
Total.....	143	5
BELFAST.		
4th quarter, 1857, E. K. Smart, collector.....	17	—
1st quarter, 1858, J. G. Dickerson, collector.....	5	—
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	2	—
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	7	—
Total.....	31	—
BANGOR.		
4th quarter, 1857, D. F. Leavitt, collector.....	85	1
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	28	—
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	76	—
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	129	—
Total.....	318	1
BATH.		
4th quarter, 1857, Joseph Berry, collector.....	66	2
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	23	—
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	13	—
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	21	1
Total.....	123	3

## ABSTRACT—Continued.

Quarterly returns in each district.	Citizens.	
	Native.	Naturalized.
<b>MAINE—Continued.</b>		
<b>MACHIAS.</b>		
4th quarter, 1857, A. F. Parlin, collector.....	18	1
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	18	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	24	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	24	1
Total.....	84	2
<b>SACO.</b>		
4th quarter, 1857, A. A. Hanscom, collector.....	6	1
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	3	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
Total.....	9	1
<b>KENNEBUNK.</b>		
4th quarter, 1857, John Cousens, collector.....	5	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
3d quarter, 1858, Enoch Cousens, deputy collector.....	2	-----
Total.....	7	-----
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE.</b>		
<b>PORTSMOUTH.</b>		
4th quarter, 1857, Augustus Jenkins, collector.....	15	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	7	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	3	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	4	-----
Total.....	29	-----
<b>MASSACHUSETTS.</b>		
<b>BOSTON.</b>		
4th quarter, 1857, Arthur W. Austin, collector.....	229	8
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	237	16
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	291	13
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	226	10
Total.....	983	47

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MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.		
NEW BEDFORD.		
4th quarter, 1857, C. B. H. Fessenden, collector.....	621	8
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	15	1
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	368	1
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	632	10
Total.....	1, 636	20
NEWBURYPORT.		
4th quarter, 1857, James Blood, collector.....	21	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	13	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	23	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	15	-----
Total.....	72	-----
NANTUCKET.		
4th quarter, 1857, E. W. Allen, collector.....	6	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
2d quarter, 1858, E. W. Allen, collector.....	10	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	20	-----
Total.....	36	-----
FALL RIVER.		
4th quarter, 1857, P. W. Leland, collector.....	13	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	2	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	1	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	5	-----
Total.....	21	-----
PLYMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1857, Moses Bates, jr., collector.....	6	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
2d quarter, 1858, Moses Bates, jr., collector.....	47	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
Total.....	53	-----
EDGARTOWN.		
4th quarter, 1857, Constant Norton, collector.....	34	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
2d quarter, 1858, Constant Norton, collector.....	18	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	24	-----
Total.....	76	-----

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Quarterly returns in each district.	Citizens.	
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MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.		
SALEM AND BEVERLY.		
4th quarter, 1857, Wm. B. Pike, collector .....	36	1
1st quarter, 1858.....do .....	33	5
2d quarter, 1858.....do .....	43	1
3d quarter, 1858.....do .....	21	2
Total.....	133	9
BARNSTABLE.		
4th quarter, 1857, S. B. Finney, collector.....	2	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do .....	14	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do .....	11	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do .....	15	-----
Total.....	42	-----
MARBLEHEAD.		
4th quarter, 1857, Wm. Bartoll, collector.....	3	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do .....	1	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do .....	8	1
3d quarter, 1858.....do .....	2	-----
Total.....	14	1
RHODE ISLAND.		
PROVIDENCE.		
4th quarter, 1857, G. Bradford, collector.....	10	-----
1st quarter, 1858, James A. Aborn, collector .....	13	1
2d quarter, 1858.....do .....	17	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do .....	28	-----
Total.....	68	1
BRISTOL AND WARREN.		
4th quarter, 1857, Geo. H. Reynolds, collector.....	23	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do .....	2	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do .....	3	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do .....	8	-----
Total.....	36	-----
NEWPORT.		
4th quarter, 1857, George Turner, collector .....	34	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do .....	2	-----
2d quarter, 1858, Charles N. Tilley, deputy collector.....	8	-----
3d quarter, 1858, Gilbert Chase, collector .....	11	-----
Total.....	55	-----

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Quarterly returns in each district.	Citizens.	
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<b>NEW YORK.</b>		
NEW YORK CITY.		
4th quarter, 1857, Augustus Schell, collector -----	65	18
1st quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	59	16
2d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	192	68
3d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	169	37
Total -----	485	139
<b>PENNSYLVANIA.</b>		
PHILADELPHIA.		
4th quarter, 1857, J. B. Baker, collector -----	136	9
1st quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	123	2
2d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	152	14
3d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	104	6
Total -----	515	31
<b>MARYLAND.</b>		
BALTIMORE.		
4th quarter, 1857, Jno. Thomson Mason, collector -----	9	-----
1st quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	9	-----
2d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	7	-----
3d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	7	1
Total -----	32	1
<b>VIRGINIA.</b>		
RICHMOND.		
4th quarter, 1857, W. M. Harrison, collector -----	1	-----
1st quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	6	-----
2d quarter, 1858, R. H. Lorton, deputy collector -----	9	2
3d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	3	-----
Total -----	19	2
<b>ALEXANDRIA.</b>		
4th quarter, 1857, Edward S. Hough, collector -----	4	-----
1st quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	3	-----
2d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	8	1
3d quarter, 1858 ----- do -----	1	-----
Total -----	16	1

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VIRGINIA—Continued.		
NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1857, J. J. Simkins, collector.....	139	1
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	82	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	77	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	101	-----
Total .....	399	1
NORTH CAROLINA.		
PLYMOUTH.		
4th quarter, 1857, J. Hamsey, collector.....	8	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	11	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	7	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	13	-----
Total .....	39	-----
SOUTH CAROLINA.		
CHARLESTON.		
4th quarter, 1857, W. F. Colcock, collector.....	8	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	46	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	20	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
Total .....	74	-----
GEORGIA.		
SAVANNAH.		
4th quarter, 1857, John Boston, collector.....	35	-----
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	95	2
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	71	1
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	10	-----
Total .....	211	3
FLORIDA.		
KEY WEST.		
4th quarter, 1857, John P. Baldwin, collector.....	6	1
1st quarter, 1857.....do.....	3	-----
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	8	-----
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	-----	-----
Total .....	17	1

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Quarterly returns in each district.	Citizens.	
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ALABAMA.		
MOBILE.		
4th quarter, 1857, T. Sanford, collector.....	5	—
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	1	2
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	4	1
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	9	1
Total.....	19	4
LOUISIANA.		
NEW ORLEANS.		
4th quarter, 1857, F. H. Hatch, collector.....	40	4
1st quarter, 1858.....do.....	75	4
2d quarter, 1858.....do.....	68	11
3d quarter, 1858.....do.....	33	4
Total.....	216	23

## RECAPITULATION.

States.	Citizens.		
	Native.	Naturalized.	Total.
Maine.....	1, 283	26	1, 309
New Hampshire.....	29	—	29
Massachusetts.....	3, 066	77	3, 143
Rhode Island.....	159	1	160
New York.....	485	139	624
Pennsylvania.....	515	31	546
Maryland.....	32	1	33
Virginia.....	434	4	438
North Carolina.....	39	—	39
South Carolina.....	74	—	74
Georgia.....	211	3	214
Florida.....	17	1	18
Alabama.....	19	4	23
Louisiana.....	216	23	239
Total.....	6, 579	310	6, 889



*A statement exhibiting the number of American seamen registered in the United States during each of the last nineteen years, namely, from September 30, 1839, to September 30, 1858.*

Year ending—	Citizens.		
	Native.	Naturalized.	Total.
September 30, 1840 -----	7,951	140	8,091
1841 -----	9,015	148	9,163
1842 -----	7,738	160	7,898
1843 -----	7,084	92	7,176
1844 -----	8,220	147	8,367
1845 -----	8,450	129	8,579
1846 -----	8,018	105	8,123
1847 -----	6,867	122	6,989
1848 -----	8,159	92	8,251
1849 -----	9,843	241	10,084
1850 -----	8,998	193	9,191
1851 -----	8,565	171	8,736
1852 -----	9,863	286	10,149
1853 -----	9,010	253	9,263
1854 -----	8,617	302	8,919
1855 -----	9,386	300	9,686
1856 -----	7,859	257	8,116
1857 -----	7,923	221	8,144
1858 -----	6,579	310	6,889

\* Including the seamen registered in the district of Salem and Beverly during the third quarter of 1857, namely, 34 native and 1 naturalized, received too late for report of that year.

